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SUBJECT: CONSULAR COMPETENCE IN GDR

REF: BONN 5761

1. BRITISH REP HAS APPARENTLY ONCE AGAIN DRAWN ON UNCLEARED PAPER, PENDING DISCUSSION BY ALLIED MISSION, FOR PRESENTATION IN BONN GROUP. DRAFT, WHICH WAS PREPARED BY BRITISH (COPIES POUCHED EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT), RECOMMENDED IN REGARD TO CONSULAR DISTRICTS THAT EAST BERLIN SHOULD BE PART OF CONSULAR DISTRICTS OF ALLIED EMBASSIES BUT SHOULD BE SHOWN IN ALL INTERNAL AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS AS DISTINCT FROM GDR. IN REGARD TO EXEQUATURS, PAPER INDICATED THIS WAS NOT A PROBLEM SINCE IT WAS NOT GDR CUSTOM TO ISSUE THEM TO CONSULAR OFFICIALS ATTACHED TO EMBASSIES BUT ONLY TO MEMBERS OF CONSULATES IN PROVINCES. WE CONCUR IN THIS RECOMMENDATION.

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2. UK PAPER RECOMMENDED CONSULAR DEPARTMENTS OF ALLEID EMBASSIES SHOULD NOT UNDERTAKE CONSULAR PROTECTION OF MEMBERS OF WEST BERLIN GARRISONS WHO RUN INTO PROBLEMS IN EAST BERLIN, BUT SHOULD DO SO WHEN MEMBERS OF GARRISONS TRAVEL PRIVATELY INTO GDR, E. G., NOT UNDER FLAG ORDERS. WE CONCUR IN THIS RECOMMENDATION, EXCEPT THAT WE BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD BE FREED TO ACT IN EMERGENCIES.

3. UK PAPER ADDRESSED POSSIBILITY OF DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN EAST BERLINERS AND CITIZENS OF GDR IN VISAS ENTERED IN GDR PASSPORTS. OPINION HERE IS DIVIDED. WE AND SOME ELEMENTS IN UK MISSION ARE INCLINED TO FAVOR SUGGESTION OF DISCLAIMER IN FORM OF STAMP DECLARING THAT VISA WOULD BE ISSUED " WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO VIEWS OF HMG ON THE STATUS OF SPECIAL BERLIN AREA,. BUT UK DRAFT CONTAINS RECOMMENDATION THAT, GIVEN GENERAL DISCLAIMER, CONSULAR DEPARTMENTS OF ALLIED EMBASSIES NEED NOT ATTEMPT TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN EAST BERLINERS AND GDR CITIZENS.

3. QUESTION OF DESIGNATION OF TITLES OF CONSULAR OFFICES WAS NOT ADDRESSED. KLEIN

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